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Southern Vice-President Robert Jones, Ft. Worth, Texas, is now serving his first year in national office. He joined both the NMRA and the Lone Star Region in 1953, and has been active in region affairs since that date. He served on the LSR Board of Directors in 1963-64.

He is currently serving as a member of the NMRA Member Aid Committee and of the Bulletin Staff. He has achieved the status of Master Model Railroader.

Robert Gordon Jones was born July 30, 1912, to Ireta and Charles A. Jones of Delaware, Ohio. While his father was a member of Congress, Robert was a page boy in the Senate. As a page, he had the honor of having flown with Charles Lindbergh.

He graduated and received his Doctor of Law degree at Ohio State University. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He served with the the U.S. Air Force and was assigned as a legal advisor on air defense during World War II.

He retired as owner of Tri-Foto Studios of Fort Worth for 30 years, where he had the distinction of being the official photographer for 27 Miss Texas finalists and three winners of the Miss America crown. He was the authorized photographer for the Interstate Theater chain, having the privilege of photographing many Hollywood celebrities when on tour such as Paulette Goddard, Judy Garland, Bob Hope, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, who often appeared on stage at the once prominent downtown Worth and Palace theaters. He was the president of the Professional Photographers Association in 1980.

He was actively engaged in model railroading, having served two terms as southern vice president of NMRA, and held the honor of being the first person to receive the Master Model Railroader Award. Jones was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Torch Club, and the Wheelers and Dealers Bridge Club of the Lake Worth Senior Citizen Center. He was also recognized as a published poet.